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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Michalowski, et al.
Serial No.: 09/816,894
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Examiner: Mary Schmidt

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

REMARKS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of July 22, 2002. Reconsideration in light of the amendments above and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

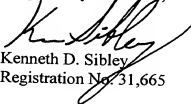
It is noted that Claims 1-21 have been restricted based on the recitation of different sequences therein. However, only Claims 1-19 recite SEQ ID Nos. 1-13. Claims 20 and 21 **do not recite SEQ ID numbers**, and should be separately grouped.

Applicants hereby elect Claims 20 and 21 for substantive examination herein.

Applicants have not cancelled Claims 1-19 herein (which were the subject of the issued parent case, in which all SEQ ID numbers were grouped together), because a reformulation of the restriction requirement is being proposed herein. If the above reformulation is suitable to the Examiner, then the Examiner may cancel Claims 1-19 by Examiner's Amendment and proceed with examination of Claims 20 and 21.

If any questions remain concerning the response above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned representative so that they may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,


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